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A car fire was quickly brought under control on Sunday afternoon in Wilberforce. Seven volunteer firefighters from Station 4 promptly attended the car fire behind the Wilberforce RE/MAX home office around 3 p.m. May 12.
Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.

Cell gap project will stretch into 2026

By Lisa Gervais

It will still be two years before some Haliburton County residents, and visitors, can make and receive phone calls on major roadways, as well as do email, web browsing, social media, video conferencing, movie streaming, and other more data intensive applications.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) director of communications, Lisa Severson, updated County council May 8 on the cell gap project that began in 2021.

When complete, the plan aims for 99 per cent coverage in the region for calls; 95 per cent for email, web browsing and social media, and 85 per cent for more data-

intensive applications. Partners, the federal and provincial governments, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and Rogers, are investing more than \$300 million, including about \$31 million in Haliburton County.

Severson provided a concrete example of the project's goals. She said she was in Belleville for a course recently and was not

connected to their Wi-Fi network

"I went out to my car and I was able to do a Zoom meeting. It'll enable things like that. Or, if you have your EMS folks, or your public works people out on the roads, they'll be able to connect with the hospital in the event of an emergency.

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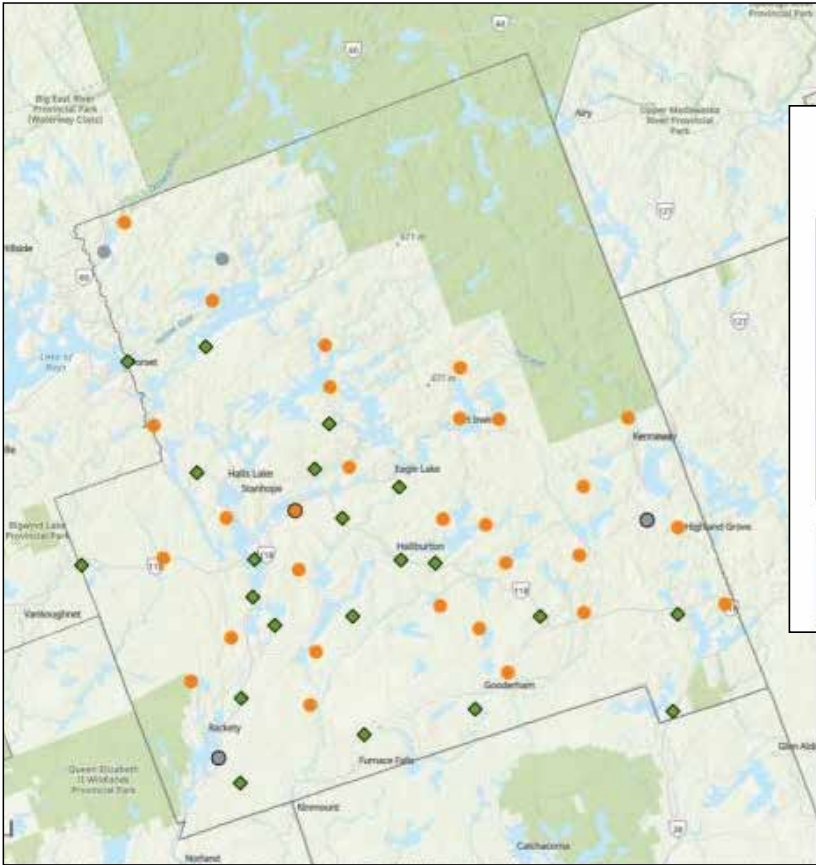


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- New towers planned
- New towers in service
- Uplifts planned
- Uplifts completed
- Co-locations planned
- Co-locations in service

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A map of completed and proposed cell towers in Haliburton County. EORN.

Only one of 29 new towers online

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They can livestream with the emergency room. So, that's very important. It also means there's more capacity in the network. So, it's not just about coverage, but also the ability to grow that network."

Severson said it takes a year to two years to complete a tower. They need to find a property, negotiate a lease, conduct archaeological and natural heritage assessments, follow a land use process with municipalities, then notify the province that a site is ready. After that, they have to do site preparation, order and receive supplies for construction, schedule crews to build the tower and submit layout plans for utilities, build the tower, hook up power to the site, and test the tower.

Severson added that EORN has a duty to consult with 18 indigenous communities and organizations.

"It took 13 months to satisfy the requirements of meaningful consultation to allow construction to start," she said. She added they'd done archeological and natural heritage assessments on 178 new tower sites across Eastern Ontario.

For Haliburton County, the progress report is that 21 of 21 sites have been upgraded. However, new builds are lagging, with just one of a planned 29 new builds in service. They've done two of four co-locations.

Severson made reference to the fact there are still 11 land

use authority or LUAs outstanding in the County, and, "we're getting close to a point where if we don't start moving on some of the towers and the LUAs, it's going to put completing those towers in jeopardy."

Coun. Bob Carter said the work is for cell phones, but asked about high-speed internet and broadband, "which is the second part of all of this."

Severson said while it is a cell gap project, the equipment can do both. She said it will be up to Rogers as to if, and when, they roll out that service to customers. "They may not do it on every tower, but they are offering it in some areas with their broadband. We can try and find out more information about what that looks like for Haliburton County. I do know that there is a need for it here."

Coun. Cec Ryall said there were complaints about public consultation with Rogers in the early stages of the cell gap project. "Do you know if that has been investigated and resolved, because it created unnecessary stress?"

Severson said when they hear of issues, they immediately report them to Rogers, "because everybody should be treated respectfully and you want to ensure that's happening."

Warden Liz Danielsen also asked Severson to publicly comment on why they are not looking at Crown land to site towers. She said it's because they would need environmental assessments and it would make the timelines prohibitive.

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Foundation 60 per cent of the way to CT

By Lisa Gervais

With the Cockwell family and Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. this week contributing \$500,000 towards the new CT scanner and CT mammography unit at the Haliburton hospital, the campaign is now at 60 per cent of its goal.

Melanie Klodt Wong of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation said that as of May 13, they had raised \$2.59 million of their \$4.3 million goal. That includes \$1 million from the County of Haliburton, proceeds from last year's Matt Duchene charity golf tournament, previously-raised funds and gifts, and the Cockwell-Forest's half-a-million dollars.

Klodt Wong said, "we need another \$1.7 million to achieve our goal but I'm an optimist. I don't want to just achieve it. I want to exceed it."

"This is the beginning of important and desperately-needed upgrades at HHHS and we want to make sure that the things they need are possible – and so we will continue to pursue gifts of all sizes and ask folks to dig deep for this important cause."

Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of the Forest, said, "as a major employer in the County, we want to ensure that our employees, their families, all residents and visitors to the region have access to life-saving diagnostic tools locally, if and when they need them."

The Forest employs about 70 people in Haliburton County, who all have families, and attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Cockwell added they were "honoured" to make the gift to help ensure the best health care resources are available in the area. "I hope that this gift will encourage others to support this important initiative."

The Foundation announced the fundraising target of \$4.3 million for the expansion of diagnostic imaging services at HHHS in the fall. Soon after, Haliburton County committed \$1 million to the campaign on condition they had a seat on the HHHS board.

Lead volunteer for the campaign, Tayce Wakefield, said they were very appreciative that Haliburton Forest and the Cockwell family had made the significant contribution. "Along with the County commitment, this is a strong start for our fundraising campaign to improve local health care services."



Above: HHHS president and CAO Veronica Nelson at the site of the new diagnostic imaging suite. *File*. Inset: Malcolm Cockwell said the family, and Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, were honoured to donate to the Here For You campaign. *File*.

Warden Liz Daniels, who now sits on the HHHS board, said it was "extremely heartening to see such a substantial donation being made by a local private enterprise. Our sincere thanks are extended to the Cockwell family and Haliburton Forest for this significant contribution towards health care in the County."

The new diagnostic imaging suite is currently under construction and the CT scanner is expected to arrive in June. The digital mammography unit is anticipated later this year.

Klodt Wong added, "this positive impact speaks to the theme chosen for this campaign: 'Here for You'. I recently spoke to a medical radiation technologist who mentioned that having services side-by-side

will positively impact the experience of their patients."

She added the new equipment will significantly improve the quality and speed of access to diagnostic imaging services for patients and is the first step in building a strong complement of healthcare services.

The announcement was timed to coincide with the Victoria Day weekend, which traditionally brings seasonal residents back to the County in droves.

Klodt Wong said, "we wanted to get the word out that this is a big campaign. There's still a lot of money to raise and we want to make sure folks are aware of this happening. We have to get the rest of the dollars in the door so that it's paid off."

The volunteer fundraising team led by

Wakefield has representatives from across the County, including Kurtis Bishop, Bob Bullock, Michael Harrison, Peter Henry, Pat Kennedy, Mike McKeon, Klara Oyler, Roger Trull and Dale Walker, supported by the HHHS Foundation board of directors.

Klodt Wong noted other upcoming fundraising includes the annual Duchene tournament, at Blairhampton July 19, and the Health Radiothon Aug. 15-16.

For more information, go to the Foundation website: hhhs.ca/foundation. For more information about the campaign, and to discuss how you can get involved, contact Klodt Wong (mklodtwong@hhhs.ca). 705-457-1580

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**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS****Communal servicing**

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network's Jason St-Pierre spoke to County council May 8 about communal servicing systems.

Also known as shared drinking water and sewage systems, they provide water and wastewater treatment to clusters of residences and businesses. They are sometimes called decentralized, or cluster, systems.

"These systems operate on principles similar to conventional municipal services but without the reliance on a single central facility where municipal water and sewer services are either nonexistent, or beyond the fiscal capacity of local government," St-Pierre said.

He added they can unlock rural land and development hindered by lack of traditional infrastructure, reduce cost and wait times for development, increase density and land efficiency, up opportunities for mixed-use development, and are proven technology already in use in Ontario.

This past February, EORN received \$1 million in funding to support localizing communal servicing. They'll work with the County of Frontenac, which has set up a utility and pioneered a system. They will prepare a guide for other rural municipalities to emulate, establish standards and create, and lead, training and education for municipal staff and operators.

St-Pierre told council, "if you are interested in, and would consider the adoption of communal servicing in your municipality, write a letter supporting the initiative. Letters will be used to support our application for the next stage in funding. The second stage of funding is a \$3 million opportunity to scale the proposed solution."

While details of how such systems would work in Haliburton, and other counties,



Andrea Brown is the CAO of Haliburton County Public Library. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Coun. Murray Fearrey said it was generally good news for rural Ontario.

High level of service for little money

In its year-end audit report, KPMG said the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is providing a high level of service for much cheaper than other comparative municipalities.

Oscar Poloni said despite having the lowest level of municipal support per household - when compared to Elgin County, Haldimand County, Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Prince Edward County, and Lennox and Addington County - the HCPL maintains seven, and soon-to-be, eight branches.

He said Haliburton County's operating support per household, as of 2022, was \$54.03, the lowest of the six, with the highest being Elgin County, at \$152.28.

He added the number of library cardholders is a further measure of the services' success.

Commenting on revenue trends, Poloni added HCPL has had, "fairly solid growth over the last eight years." He added, "over the last seven years, the library's done a really good job of operating in a manner that I would suggest to you is financially sustainable."

Update on 7 in 7

St-Pierre provided an update on the 7 in 7+ regional housing plan at the meeting.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus '7 in 7+' regional housing plan proposes building at least 7,000 community rental units over seven years across the region to address wait lists. The plan would require partnering with the federal and provincial governments, as well as the private and non-profit sector, and Indigenous partners.

St-Pierre said they presented to the EOWC at the end of April and a committee will be struck "to take the next steps on that."

"So, it was a little more labour intensive than we anticipated it to be. It turned out to be rather detailed and larger data. We are quite proud of the work and the effort that went into that and it's been well received," he said. (*County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais.*)

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MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- The UFO's (Unfinished Objects Craft Group) will be meeting at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday, May 17 from 1 -3 pm. Bring your unfinished projects to work on and a snack. All are welcome!
- Don't miss the season opening of the Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Enjoy a cup of tea and some Victorian-era refreshments in the dining room of Bowron House. Take a guided tour around the village or explore early settler games and craft demonstrations. Visit with the exotic animals from Browning Reptiles from 12 - 2 p.m. Admission is by donation. The event will run rain or shine. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-05-18-1000-Minden-Hills-Museum-Heritage-Village-and-Natures-P>
- Join us for the first of our Community Heritage Series: A Century of Local Healthcare by Larry Ferguson explores the history of regional health services. The talk will be held at the Cultural Centre on Thursday, May 23 at 5:00 PM. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-05-23-1700-A-Century-of-Local-Healthcare-presentation-by-Larr>
- Connection and Response, an exhibit by conceptual artist Bruce Cull, will be on display until June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-04-1000-Connection-and-Response-Exhibit-by-Bruce-Cull>.

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NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law for the schedules noted below:

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule L Local Community Insurance Services
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees

The proposed changes to the noted schedules will be posted on the Township website www.mindenhills.ca. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Vicki Bull, Clerk, 705-286-1260 Ext 515 E: vbull@mindenhills.ca

TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS MUNICIPAL OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 20 FOR VICTORIA DAY

The Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne St., Minden will be closed for Victoria Day on Monday, May 20, 2024. Our office will reopen on Tuesday, May 21 at 8:30 a.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT (HHW)

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- May 30 - Regular Council Meeting
- June 13 - Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

**NO DAYTIME BURNING**

No daytime burning from April 1st to October 31st in any year as it is considered fire season. Fire restrictions are from 7:00 AM till 7:00 PM (daytime burning). No person shall start a fire outdoors during the restricted time in fire season.

CALL FOR LOCHLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for two volunteers to participate as members on the Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee for the remaining (2023-2026) term of Council. If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating on this committee, please download and submit a completed Advisory Committee Application Form visit www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom for full details.

Application deadline is Tuesday, May 21, 2024 by 12:00 noon. For an Application Form or for more information, please contact Vicki Bull at vbull@mindenhills.ca, 705-286-1260 ext. 515 or Lisa Fitton at lfritton@mindenhills.ca, 705-286-1260 ext. 527.

WATCH FOR WORKERS

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Granite Shores makes return to HE council

By Lisa Gervais

Proponents of the Granite Shores development on Centre Lake in Highlands East brought a revised plan to council May 14 in hopes of getting the stalled project back on the books.

John Ariens, of Arcadis, said the purpose of his delegation was to present the altered drawings, he hoped, “will address the concerns raised by council and members of the public previously.”

He asked council to consider his slide deck, “and the benefits (the development will) bring, and hold another public meeting, and obtain public input, and make a determination of the desirability of this project either with or without a Crown reserve being in place, and, of course, also to make a final determination on a road closing that’s required.”

He was representing a GTA-based client who has owned the property for more than 10 years. “Their goal has always been to develop a seasonal cottage development along Centre Lake, looking to use the balance of the land for a maple syrup harvesting facility.”

Ariens said the client has other developments in the region, including on Bigfools Lake in Hastings County and in Bancroft. The Highlands East property is just west of Cardiff, and comprises three separate parcels, separated by a road allowance. It’s just under 1,100 acres, and along the lake is a 200-foot wide Crown reserve.

He said the plan fits in with the County’s and township’s official plans.

One of the obstacles has been a 200-foot Crown reserve on the lake, which Ariens said was established when the province sold mining rights, to protect the lake from mining activity. He said his client had since purchased the mineral rights, donating them back to the province.

“So, the need for the Crown reserve is no longer there to protect the lake from any mining activity. The only real function that the Crown reserve has is that it does provide public access to the lake.”

The original paperwork called for cottage development along Centre Lake with a couple of backlots. There was a block of land earmarked for a resort and wellness centre and spa, which would have included about 60 suites and 28 lots for a total development of 88 units. A Hwy. 118 commercial block



The proposed site of the Granite Shores development in Highlands East. *File.*

was also in the original plans.

At a public meeting on the Crown reserve disposition a few years ago, concerns were raised about public access to the lake, possible destruction of the natural environment, the scale of the development and potential impacts from radon gas.

Council did not support removal of the Crown reserve, or the Crown land use policy amendment. It said the development was too intense, and while access points would remain open, the character of the lake would change, with potential for negative adverse impacts.

Ariens said ever since, “the application has

stood still.”

However, he said they have been working on the redesign. They have removed the wellness centre and resort and spa component, added a few more shoreline lots, and now sit at 33 lots.

He also addressed public access to the lake, saying it’s now a narrow, steep driveway, with no real parking area and poor sightlines.

“What our client is prepared to do is to enhance that public access by coming in off the condominium road to provide direct access to the lake together with a parking area, picnic area, possible camping spots, and really enhance the public access to that

particular lake.”

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said the public was concerned about not just access to the lake, but a developer over-developing the shoreline.

Ariens said there could be setbacks established, “preventing boathouses, gazebos, that type of encroachment and maintaining that vegetative shoreline, which is so important for maintaining the quality of the lake. The removal of the reserve doesn’t automatically mean that people can go nuts on that particular shoreline, they would still be subject to normal and proper environmental controls.”



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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Single-tier waste management

It appears Minden Hills council is joining Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East in leaning away from single-tier waste management, eventually moving to the County.

At a Minden Hills council meeting May 9, Mayor Bob Carter said when the consultant's report was brought to the last County council meeting, "I did not hear a compelling argument... to go ahead with their recommendations."

Carter added new staff at the four townships now overseeing landfills and transfer stations have been working well together the past two years. He said there appears to be a consensus among politicians that the four townships simply continue to work together and monitor the County-wide operations.

The matter will be discussed at County council again May 22.

Brush at Scotch Line

Chelsea Cosh, manager of waste facilities, brought a report recommending brush be collected at Scotch Line landfill.

She said it is currently only accepted at the Ingoldsby and Iron Mine transfer stations. Brush carries a waste disposal fee of \$30 per cubic yard or \$2 per paper bag.

She said the Scotch Line Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) permits the landfill to accept brush material and, "it is

a logical next step to include brush in the programs that are currently being offered at this site."

She added the ECA there says wood chips can be used as daily cover and staff plan to have the brush material from all three sites ground once or twice a year and used as daily cover. Cosh said it would reduce the amount of sand currently being used, and will save money.

Lochlin Hall

The future of Lochlin Hall remains up in the air, although council did decide May 9 it would seek quotes to get a second opinion on the condition of the building.

Council also advised staff to see if they could locate any metal survey stakes.

The township recently revised the Lochlin Community Centre advisory committee. It last met in March with a possible meeting in June.

The hall has been closed since COVID due to health and safety reasons. Last fall, council learned Tulloch Engineering had deemed the hall to be in poor to fair condition. They have recommended the township either repair it, at a cost of \$366,000, or demolish it and construct a new centre, at a cost of \$600,000.

But Coun. Bob Sisson said last week, "I'm still not convinced this building is not fixable." He called for a second opinion.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



The Scotch Line landfill will soon be accepting brush. *File.*



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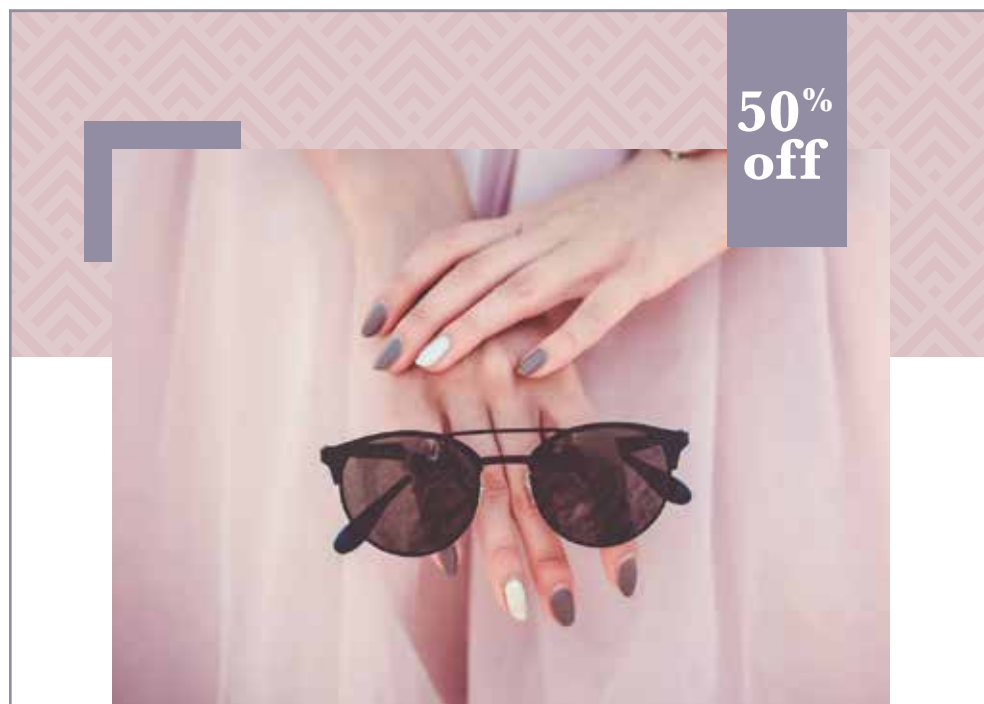
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Student, Eva Bliedung, with a class build. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Building a foundation for jobs

By Lisa Gervais

A group of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students were attracted to the Haliburton Crew booth at the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) job fair May 8.

Handed a set of plans, and instructed to use Styrofoam blocks, they began building a basement foundation.

Allie Todd was one of them. In between placing blocks, she said, “I think it is actually really fun and interesting. I had no idea how to even think about building a basement. It’s a great way to show kids what this job would really be about. I thought it was a great learning experience.”

Todd said she has considered working in the trades, and wants to learn more about the prospect. She still has questions but, “I’m really a hands-on person. I don’t like textbook stuff. This might be something I’m

kind of interested in doing.”

The HCHBA’s Aggie Tose said 32 companies attended the job fair in the high school gym last Wednesday.

“It’s been very successful,” she said, with companies looking for co-op students and apprentices.

She added the home builders and school had communicated well in advance so the high school knew who was coming, and what they were going to be offering.

Commenting on the new fast-track skilled trades program, Tose said there would be room for students “that want to work” in construction.

Angie Horner-Xerri was there from Quantum Passivhaus in Minden.


“It’s a community thing and it’s outreach to kids to know what is possible in terms of work, whether it’s with us or someone else,” Horner-Xerri said of the business’ first time attendance.

She added, “we like people to know pre-fabricated building is an industry of its own. Also, because we’re in Minden, and one of the local folks that do it, we want people to know we’re here, and this is a great opportunity for us as well to meet all the kids.”

Quantum Passivhaus’ human resources person, Jenna Terrill, said while they now employ 24 people, they are looking for carpenters, project coordinators, and project managers.

Horner-Xerri added they enjoyed talking to the other construction professionals as well, so the day served as a networking platform for employers.

And it wasn’t just those in the construction and renovation industries looking for help. Included in the vendors were Dysart et al council, EMS, Fleming College, Into the Blue Pizza and more.

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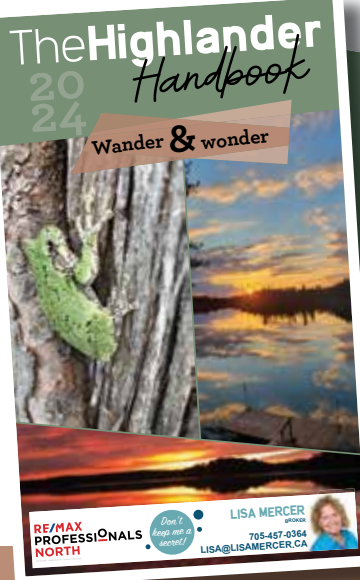


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Help them be here for you

Melanie Klodt Wong and her board at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation are pretty savvy when it comes to marketing.

It's no coincidence they have kickstarted their fundraising campaign for a new CT scanner, and CT mammography unit, in time for the Victoria Day long weekend.

They clearly want seasonal residents to know about their 'Here for you in the Highlands' campaign.

They want generational, and new, cottagers to know that when they have an accident, or illness, while here in the County, they can go to Haliburton hospital's emergency department. And, as of this summer, be able to use the new CT scanner. Mammography will roll out a bit later, but will also be able to be accessed by both full-time and part-time residents.

What our cottagers may or may not know, is the Highlands was the only County in Ontario without the diagnostic imaging equipment. It has resulted in patients having to make lengthy trips to Lindsay, Peterborough, Bracebridge, Huntsville and beyond for CT scans and mammograms. It

has taken County land ambulances out of our service area. It has made it difficult for Haliburton Highlands Health Services to recruit doctors. We just got a new ER doctor in Haliburton, and the fact he can soon avail himself of CT scans no doubt helped to get him here.

On Monday, the foundation announced that a long-established County family – the Cockwells, who own Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve, had donated half-a-million dollars to the campaign. That comes on the heels of the County of Haliburton's taxpayers chipping in \$1 million. Other fundraising efforts and gifts have brought the total to \$2.59 million of a \$4.3 million goal.

They still have \$1.7 million to go. However, Klodt Wong told *The Highlander* she and her volunteer fundraising committee want to exceed that target as the need for equipment continues at Haliburton hospital and they have big plans to make this small rural hospital better.

Health care has been a contentious issue in this County over the past year. We are coming up to the one-year anniversary of the closing of the Minden emergency

department. Many have still not accepted that decision. Some will never donate money to the Foundation or HHHS again.

While respecting their stance, it may be a case of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. We know that full-time residents will benefit from having access to CT scanning, and CT mammography.

But we address this call for financial help to our cottagers. Many of you from the GTA would not necessarily know that Haliburton hospital is behind the eight-ball when it comes to capital equipment. It is a small service that can generally cope with patient demand during the spring, fall and winter. However, when our population balloons to two to three times the size in summer, the hospital is stretched as thin as a hospital can be. We need you to help us so HHHS and its Foundation can indeed be 'here for you in the Highlands.'



By Lisa Gervais

MIND BODY MATTERS

Learn to flex emotional muscles

Depression and anxiety have always been part of the human experience. However, today rates are soaring. As is the use of medication to treat them. In my opinion, this is happening despite the fact that we are safer and more comfortable than at any other point in history. We, as a society, somehow believe that removing or avoiding any and all stressors is the key to happiness. But could it instead be robbing us of our ability to build emotional resilience and find happiness?

You see proof in our schools. Staff are charged with dispensing a plethora of drugs for depression, anxiety, ADHD and a growing number of other disorders. Drugs that balance the chemistry of young brains so children will sit still and learn and teachers can teach. The human body, including the brain, depends on stress to grow strong and healthy. Brains need to be challenged with new experiences to grow new brain cells, bones need weight bearing exercise to get stronger, muscles need to tear and repair to strengthen, and immune systems need to fight off diseases to learn how to fight better

next time.

We develop our emotional body by experiencing mental stress. Every time we overcome depression or anxiety, we become more emotionally resilient. Being emotionally resilient means that you have the strength to face the hard stuff in life and bounce back. The stuff that's unavoidable: death, divorce, illness, difficult relationships - and still come back to a calm, peaceful state. No person or pill can stop these things from happening. We have to flex our emotional muscles to become resilient and find happiness.

This calm and peaceful state is what I strive to help people find in our yoga classes. Instead of running from our emotions, we own them. We become curious and ask questions. What am I feeling in my body? How is my heart beating? How am I breathing? What am I thinking about, and more importantly, what am I telling myself inside my head? Am I blaming someone for something? Am I telling myself I am a failure?

As we explore our body and mind, we come to understand that we hold the power to choose how we respond to life's ups and downs. Emotions are nature's way of moving us quickly without conscious thought, like a reflex. You're afraid, so you react by running away. You're angry, so you react by raising your voice. When we react to things, we are letting our emotions rule us. However, with practice, we gain power over them. We can use our conscious mind to reason instead of our emotional brain to react. We calm our breathing down, which calms our heart and relaxes our body. We stop running and face our fears with curiosity. We lower our voice and calm our anger. Life is sad and painful but out of that sadness comes happiness and out of pain comes comfort. Out of awareness comes peace and calm.



By Gail Holness

Clarification: In Nature's Calling [*The Highlander*, May 9], Toni Cooper said the trout opener was the fourth Saturday of April. That is true in her area. However, make sure you check your Fisheries Management Zone for all your fishing and opening dates. They do change, not only in your Fisheries Management Zone, but as well as each body of water.



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence sent this photo of a Merlin Falcon.

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Lured by trout in the Highlands

Today, we are launching a new series entitled ‘Humans of Haliburton Highlands’ by Susan Tromanhauser.

“The beauty.”

When Rob Petitti is asked what brought him to Haliburton County, he says it is the magnificence of the Highlands landscape. With a pencil behind his ear, his Steven Segal-like ponytail tied back, he flashes a broad smile.

An electrician, he begins to list some of the many reasons why the Highlands became his sanctuary; the outdoors, fresh air, zero traffic and, of course, the fishing.

Rob has the pride of a noble landowner when describing his home near Tory Hill - five wooded acres backing onto Crown land. He says he can “walk to eternity,” with fishing always nearby. However, when pressed to disclose his favourite fishing spots, he laughs and shakes his head. Rob is a very amiable guy but he is not about to divulge his top-secret locations where the

good fish can be found.

Rob was in his mid-20s when he heard about the great trout of the Haliburton region. Successful fishing trips led him to purchase a seasonal property near Wilberforce in 1996. Using his contracting skills, he winterized the place and moved there full-time in the early 2000s. After limited employment opportunities and family persistence to return home, he moved back to the city after only one year.

But the lure of the Highlands kept pulling Rob. After a year-long search, he found a property on Loon Lake with intentions of flipping. He ended up staying. “Every time I came up, I had no stress. Every time I had to go back (to the city); I was stressed to the max.”

Rob describes a time he was doing a job in downtown Toronto and could see people walking past him while he sat in traffic. He realized time spent in his car could be time spent at the lake.

Rob grew up in Scarborough where his parents still are. He lived a typical Italian

immigrant life of Catholic school, strict parents, and his mother’s good cooking. He is still very close with family with daily phone calls and regular visits. Family is important but living a life of clean air, no traffic, and calm is equally vital to Rob.

His family often scolds him to “come back home” but Rob reminds them Haliburton County is now his home. Rob likens his life to his parents’ journey. They left Italy to come to Canada for a better life. Rob left the urban pace of Scarborough for Haliburton County for the same reason – a better life. His family understands and are proud he has made his own way and has created a good home for himself in the Highlands.

He has pride in his renovation work across the County, continues to cheer on his Toronto Maple Leafs, but the best is knowing he is steps away from his personal tranquility - and his secret fishing holes.

Rob Petitti at work.
Photo by Susan Tromanhauser.





Home Hardware celebrates 60 years

Home Hardware is celebrating 60 years, and the Haliburton and Minden stores joined the festivities May 11-12. Each store planned its own celebration, with a few friends from the community, such as Moose FM, the Dysart and Minden Hills fire departments and Pockets the clown. The stores welcomed locals and cottagers to partake in fun and bargains. Karley Gazley, assistant manager in Haliburton, said everyone pitched in. “Everybody has been a great help.” Assistant manager, Carol Mowat, also commended everyone for helping out. “It has been a team effort to get ready for this,” she said. “Lots of cottages were being opened, so we expected to be very busy, and we were.” With the garden centre open, as well as the new automated lumber shed in Haliburton, and free carnations for mom, there was a lot to see and do.

Top left: Left to right: Cathy Bush, Andrea Anderson, Evelyn Ryan, Char Fox and Jenna Grinham at the Minden store. *Submitted.* Top right: Carson Simms said the hydraulic lift makes things so much easier when getting an order ready for a customer in Haliburton. Above: Pockets the clown puts a smile on the face of five-year-old Tobi Stevens in Haliburton. Right: Bobby Fletcher and his son Bo having some fun in the fire engine in Haliburton. *Photos by Kimberly Strong-Knight.*

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Rails End welcomes collaborative project

By Kimberly Strong-Knight

Laurie Jones, curator for Rails End Gallery, is excited to have Ruth Howard bring her Grounds for Goodness community arts project to Haliburton.

"Ruth will be working with local artists and community members to create and share a distinctive Haliburton version of the project," she said.

Howard is a Toronto-based artist who has been working on the Grounds for Goodness project since 2018. On May 10, Rails End Gallery hosted a meet-and-greet with the artist to introduce the project, and Howard herself, to the Haliburton community.

Howard said, "I like a project, or an artistic process, that starts with curiosity about something, which might lead to some research or talking, a kind of train of thought, or line of questioning." She added that was where the idea for the project came from.

Howard comes from a theatre background, designing and producing shows in Canada, and internationally. She has also started various companies and community initiatives with the idea of community engagement and collaboration.

"I worked on big plays that had a really huge impact on people collectively, soulful connectivity," she said. "But the play would end without building on the momentum."

That always felt like a missed opportunity, she added. "So, part of my vision for my company, Jumbles Theatre and Arts, was



The artistic team that helped put together the Grounds for Goodness project at the Rails End Gallery: Wendy Lingard, Scott Duggan, Ruth Howard (lead artist), Laurie Jones (curator), Bethany Houghton, and Fay Wilkinson. Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.

that we do multi-year projects with phases of research and development, creating something, presenting it - sustainability and legacy."

Being the daughter of a holocaust survivor meant she learned a lot about bad things groups did towards other groups, but got interested in the other side, stories of people doing good things. "Stories of people doing the opposite surprised me because that is not at all what I had learned growing up. That led me to research lesser-known histories of countries that had been occupied by Nazis

but rescued and protected Jews."

Following COVID, a decision was made in 2023 to take the fruits of everyone's labours on tour. "I didn't get to go everywhere that was inviting me, so in 2023 I applied for some grants to take Grounds for Goodness on a tour, and here I am, and very happy to be here."

The six-week exhibition, from May 10 – June 15, invites local artists and other community members to be part of the evolving installation. "You don't have to feel like you have to do anything when you come,

you can just come and see what's going on," said Howard.

"There are drop-in facilitated activities throughout the entire six-week period, with a final performance open to the public on June 14," Jones said. All activities are free, and everyone is invited to participate in any, or all, of the sessions.

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Students 'better together' making art

Haliburton School of Art + Design played host to a showcase of young artists from various elementary schools under the banner of *Better Together* May 7. Maggie Rodger, curriculum consultant for Trillium Lakelands District School Board, and Lauren Alleway, principal at Stuart W. Baker Elementary School, helped to put the first-of-its-kind showcase together and are looking to make it an annual event. Rodger said, "it offered an entry point for educators. Many took it and ran with it." Alleway agreed, and said it easily tied in with the curriculum. Many collaborative pieces were part of the show, done by students from Kindergarten to grade 8. Sabastian Dart, a grade 3 student at Stuart Baker, contributed his talent to a whole school project. "My English teacher sorted it out and gave everyone a little person to draw on," he said, "it was fun." Community partners in the area also played a big part in the success of the event. It was catered by students taking culinary classes at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, HSAD offered the space for free, Minden Hills Cultural Centre had a presence, Ctrl-ART-Del was there, and Haliburton Bus Lines let students paint a bus.

Above: Amber Dreger and Steve Potalivo with the painted bus. Submitted. Above right: A whole school creation by students at Stuart W. Baker Elementary School. Right: Kindergarten students put together 'The Hive' representing how everyone in a classroom works together. *Photos by Kimberly Strong-Knight.*



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Campbell's film premieres in French Riviera

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Kate Campbell is at the French Riviera Film Festival this week for the world, and European, premiere of *Mom*, a film she both directed and sings in.

It's not Campbell's first trip to Cannes for this particular festival. *Boundless* netted her a best director gong in 2020 and *People Watching* appeared last year.

Campbell said she would be attending the Cannes film market as well. "They have an international village and there are people from countries all over the world to do business." She acknowledged it's a beautiful place to work as the film village is on the beach.

Speaking of *Mom*, she said it is Leslie Hoppenrath's story of her journey with two miscarriages and balancing that grief with love and the relationships she has with her step kids.

Campbell said it was a "really beautiful script." She met Hoppenrath more than a year ago. She read her book "and I was just so moved by it. I said I want to make this, and so we did."

Campbell said she thinks the short film will be well received. When she chooses a project, "the gauge is if I'm lit up by it. And if I am moved by it." She said she was also called to tell the story.

A musician, she said the theme music was a huge factor. She used a violin piece that had been playing in her head even before she took the project on. She also sings.

"The writer said, 'what really brought me strength and hope through my process was Ron Sexsmith's *Gold in Them Hills*.'" Campbell said it is beautiful, giving the song a female voice, and it provides a "lovely" ending to the film. She said it is not her typical jazz style, but simple, pared back, and it was, "really lovely to be able to do that."

She said the lead character is Piercey Dalton. They flew her up from L.A. because there was no one else Campbell wanted to play the role. "I felt very confident in her hands. That was just a very good decision."

Campbell said it was an interesting experience because it was the first time she had worked with children.

The Haliburton native said the topic of miscarriage is one she does not feel is talked about enough. "It just sort of opens the conversation around it... when we have relatives and family who pass away, it's a celebration of life and people want to be there for support. I find it's weird territory with miscarriage because there is such loss and it's in private and secret."

She said it was important to Hoppenrath to get that message across. "People not feeling so alone and opening the conversation around it is really important." Having it come out the weekend after Mother's Day felt like serendipity.

As for the rest of the week – aside from the premiere – Campbell said she is working on meetings around *Boundless*, meetings for other projects she is either directing or



Kate Campbell works on *Mom*. Image courtesy of James Arthurs.

producing, and gatherings with production companies, musicians, composers, and production designers. "It's really an interesting mecca to do business at."

"Then we have the beautiful festival showcasing the work and they have an opening and closing ceremony. So, there are a lot of reasons for me to go."

Campbell said it is a celebratory time for her.

"It's so much work to get everything done. From the beginning, to working on it, the editing and sound design process. You are telling the story again, and again, and again."

"When you take something on as a director, at this Indie level, you're with it, pre-production, through production, and well into post, and into festivals. I'm feeling very proud and glad to be sending it off into the world where we can celebrate it. That feels really good."

Campbell has now directed six films and looks forward to doing her first full-length. She noted *Boundless* is moving into development, and hinted she is working on a project with Dini Petty, "which I am very excited about."

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Hal High alumni curious about the world

By Lisa Gervais

Tori Hawley credits the education she received at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, as well as J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, with springboarding her towards her goal of international law work.

Now 25, Hawley recently completed an internship with the head judge of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

She is now back in Liverpool, UK, the city in which she graduated with a university law degree, and is working towards her qualification exams, and becoming licensed. She is also toiling for a start-up firm, with hopes of joining a larger outfit in London in the next year or two.

Speaking with *The Highlander* from Liverpool recently, Hawley talked about her “amazing experience” with the European Court of Human Rights, where she interned for four months.

Going into it, she didn’t know what to expect. “I was going to be an intern. I would say my expectations were more like, ‘I’m going to be getting coffee,’ but that was so not it.”

The daughter of Sean and Marilyn Hawley said the European Court of Human Rights is a “huge institution that is super busy, so their interns are really important.”

Within her first week, she was editing a speech for the president of the court, Siofra O’Leary, who has both judicial and political responsibilities. Hawley said she mostly

supported the political functions. That first week, she also prepared answers for an interview O’Leary was preparing for.

She recalled being afraid of the responsibility that comes with editing the speech of such a high-ranking world figure. Within two to three weeks, she was writing “from scratch, to ambassadors and judges, or briefing notes if political figures were coming to the court. It was incredible.” She added, “the level of responsibility, and the significance of the tasks, was way beyond what I thought it was going to be.”

She felt the University of Liverpool law school had prepared her, though.

The work of the Court is weighty. When Hawley was there, they heard cases concerning Russia and Ukraine. The entity is still dealing with Russian cases even though the country has now been expelled from the European Court of Human Rights. “There’s individuals challenging governments, but there’s also governments challenging each other, so there’s these really complicated cases.”

One ongoing case when Hawley was there stemmed from six Portuguese youth filing a complaint against 33 countries, alleging the respondents had violated human rights by failing to take sufficient action on climate change, and seeking an order requiring them to take more ambitious action.

“It was a super, super busy day at the court, which was full of people coming to watch. I was greeting journalists and showing them

where they would be viewing the hearing. It was a really big deal.”

She also experienced life in Strasbourg, where she met peers from all over the world.

“Growing up in Haliburton, I have a bit of a preference for smaller cities. I just find them a bit easier to get used to. Strasbourg was perfect because it’s very quaint. But there’s so much going on at the same time. And you’re so close to everything.”

She’ll continue with the start-up in Liverpool with plans to move to the London firm in a year or two to gain more on-the-job experience towards getting her license. Her dream remains international law.

“I think that growing up in Haliburton, I always had this curiosity about the rest of the world. I’ve always just been a really motivated and ambitious person. I’m career-oriented. I like having big goals. And what bigger goal could you have than an international career? It’s exciting to me.

“I also love people. It’s just really powerful and beautiful to connect with people who have such different backgrounds. It’s just an amazing experience to realize how similar we all are even though we have all of these differences that make us so unique.”

She thinks she is in the perfect field. She says she is eternally optimistic but also realistic. She said the law is intellectually rigorous. “You’re thinking really hard about these systems and how they’re working and where they’re going. But, at the same time, you’re thinking about the solutions to



Tori Hawley at the European Court of Human Rights. *Submitted.*

problems. I want to do good in the world and I want to use my skills for that.”

When Hawley graduated from HHSS, she wrote a letter to her Grade 7 teacher, Laurie Bowker at JDH. “She had made such an impression on me.” She thanked the teacher for giving her confidence and said her goal was to work in an international court. “It’s really cool that I pulled it off.”

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Cheyenne Degeer and Evan Backus are two of three young athletes to receive Rising Star awards from the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Honouring Haliburton County's rising stars

By Mike Baker

Three of Haliburton County's most impressive up-and-coming sporting stars will have their day in the sun later this month.

Owen Nicholls, Cheyenne Degeer, and Evan Backus are the inaugural recipients of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame's Rising Star award. The gong acknowledges athletic excellence in youth and is meant to inspire future generations to chase their sporting dreams.

Roger Trull, chair of the Hall of Fame selection committee, said the trio will be honoured May 25, at an induction ceremony for the class of 2024.

"One of the things we hope the Hall of Fame will do is inspire young people to be the very best they can be. To understand that if they work hard and commit themselves to excellence, they too might be in this Hall of Fame one day," Trull said.

He added, "we are very excited to recognize three young people who are exactly the type of athletes we imagined would receive this award: hard-working, dedicated, and a real testament to their communities."

Nicholls' curling exploits have been well-documented in recent years. Getting his start through the Haliburton Youth Curling program, Nicholls has earned multiple accolades at the high school and junior club level.

In 2020, he played lead for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School curling team, which won a gold medal at the provincial championships. He won gold at the U18 Ontario junior championships in 2023, also winning bronze at the Canadian Winter Games that year.

"When I got the email, I was pretty thrilled. A little swept off my feet... it's pretty cool to be recognized by your home town for your accomplishments in sport," Nicholls said. "I think the Hall of Fame is a great addition to our community. It's a very prestigious thing that recognizes all the amazing talented individuals we have in Haliburton."

Degeer has made quite the name for herself as an aspiring professional hockey player. Practically born with a stick in her hand, the teenager spent the majority of her youth playing on boys teams in the Central Ontario Wolves AAA system. She would go on to lead the Peterborough Ice Kats to a provincial championship in 2022, and for the past two seasons has skated with the U22 Central York Junior Panthers, becoming the team's leading scorer. Degeer also represented Team Ontario at the Canadian National U18 championships in November.

Still only in Grade 11, Degeer has already committed to playing NCAA hockey in 2025. She has earned a scholarship at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, which plays high-level Division 1 hockey.

"I'm honoured to be receiving this award alongside Owen and Evan. I'm excited and grateful to be recognized by my home town," Degeer said, thanking her friends and family for all their support.

Backus burst onto Haliburton's sporting scene last year, becoming the first local track and field athlete to record a podium finish at OFSAA in a generation. He won silver in the 300-metre hurdle, running an impressive 42.01 seconds.

The 15-year-old also competed in volleyball, badminton, cross-country running, and Nordic skiing – where he also competed in OFSAA this year. He was recognized as HHHS' junior male athlete of the year in 2023.

"When I first got the call, I was in shock. I had never heard about the Hall of Fame, but was very excited to be getting an award. It's felt even more special since it has come from my home town," Backus said. "I think the Hall of Fame is great. I really like how even in this smaller town we can recognize the people who have truly done great things."

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton May 25, starting at 2 p.m.



Author Doug Tindal on the porch at Oakview Coliving. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Tales from the porch meet Vinyl Cafe

By Lisa Gervais

When Doug Tindal told his boss he was going to retire in a year's time, the Algonquin Highlands writer says, "literally, the next day, I started having a creative outpouring. I would wake up early with ideas that had to be written down."

Although he had a degree in journalism and had written magazine features, fiction was a relatively new foray.

Sitting in the living room of Oakview Coliving, he adds that he wrote all kinds of things; plays, started novels, poetry, short stories. He was in a writer's group.

When he presented the first *Wine on the Porch* short story, the group told him he had found his voice.

After a while, he wrote another one, and another one. "Eventually, it occurred to me there might be a collection there."

He had about eight stories, 35,000 words in total, and went to a writer's conference. He spoke with editors and agents and received advice on how to proceed. He left the conference with a goal to pen another 50,000 words and have a manuscript ready in a year.

"That was February of 2020," he says with a chuckle. "I kept writing, but I couldn't write another *Wine on the Porch* story for four months because I had to decide, 'is this a universe in which COVID doesn't happen, or has it not happened yet, or has it already happened?' And we didn't know what we were dealing with."

Instead, he wrote dystopia.

In the end, about one-third of the stories are pre-COVID, one-third during, and one-third after.

The manuscript was completed by August 2022 and published in February 2023.

"The basic setup is, this is a group of seniors, and a couple of seniors-in-training, who have decided to set up a coliving situation."

He and his wife were attempting to do that in Toronto. So, he used that as a model for the stories. The characters are fictitious. "It's the adventures of this group of seniors living together."

He adds the easiest way to describe it is for people who remember Stuart McLean's *The Vinyl Cafe* on CBC radio. "The kind of stories Dave and Morley might have told, if they'd had the chance to grow old with their friends."

"They have the kind of challenges that you might imagine of a whole bunch of people who are mostly strangers, making a decision to live together, and then having to figure out how to make that work."

He said the feedback he gets is that readers laugh out loud. That being said, there are serious topics. For example, one story involves a discussion about natural burials.

He said people do not always think about their older years. "They have a vision of themselves in vigorous retirement, and then they cut to an image of themselves drooling in a wheelchair, and they don't think anything about how they're going to deal with the interim."

He is passionate about the coliving model. He wanted to show in the stories what it might look like to help people imagine it.

He is now working on volume two, with six stories complete. He is also working on a play, and acting.

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Ready to bring some heat to Gooderham

By Mike Baker

Canadian singer-songwriter Genevieve Fisher will make her Highlands on-stage debut this summer as the headline act at the 2024 Gooderham Music Festival.

The country star will roll back the years, performing hits she's penned and perfected over a 15-year career. Now 32, Fisher got her start as a teenager when, upon graduating from high school, she left behind friends and family in London, ON to pursue her dreams in Nashville.

She said fans can expect fun tunes with deep lyrics when she comes to the Robert McCausland Community Centre July 27.

"This is going to be one of my first shows of the summer – it's always super exciting to get back up there," said Fisher, who has spent most of the past year away from the industry after giving birth to her second son in January. "We have some great sets in store for everyone – it's a mix of country, with some rock songs included. It's going to be a high-energy show. We're ready to bring some heat to Haliburton."

The singer has fought to make a name for herself on the Canadian country music scene. She has earned nine top 50 hits on both Billboard's BDS and the Mediabase Canadian National Country Chart, and has been nominated for Single of the Year and Songwriter of the Year at the Country Music Association of Ontario music awards.

She is best known for hit singles *July*,

which reached Top 40 in the Canadian charts in 2011, and *Take it on Home*, which peaked in the Top 20 in 2017. Fisher has performed at some of Ontario's biggest music festivals, including Boots and Hearts, Havelock Jamboree, Manitoulin Country Fest, and Trackside.

While her influences are many, Fisher said Shania Twain is a standout. She remembers when, as a young girl, she'd dance around her grandparents' kitchen while old-school country music played over the radio. She always got a twinkle in her eye when one of Twain's tracks came on.

"I just fell in love with the genre, and with her. Listening to Shania definitely helped me to form my sound," Fisher said. "At the beginning, I had more of a traditional country sound but as time progressed, and country music started to change, I've had to adapt to that... I'd say I'm more pop-country now."

Fisher works with a producer in Nashville – Jason Massey. She has been writing new material recently and hopes to release an album later this year.

"It's been kind of a slow climb, but I'm proud to say I've gotten where I am through hard work and perseverance," Fisher said. "This is a crazy industry to be in – one minute you're flying high and the next you're thinking to yourself 'well that was a quick 15 minutes, what now?'"

"It's really easy to get sucked into the industry, but it's important to remember where you came from, what got you there,



Singer Genevieve Fisher will headline the 2024 Gooderham Music Festival. *Submitted.*

and just keep working hard," Fisher said.

Valerie Dugale, chair of the Gooderham Community Action Group, which hosts the local music festival, said local bands Ragged Company and Gary and the Rough Ideas will also perform sets at the July show. There will also be an open mic for aspiring artists to take to the stage.

The event, now in its fifth year, is free for the community to attend. Last year's concert drew around 700 people.

"We're really trying to build this festival, and bringing high-profile singers like Genevieve helps us to do that," Dugale said. "We think this festival has a lot of potential. We want to make it one of the big shows in Ontario. With the addition of the open mic, it's an exciting opportunity for people to see what kind of up-and-coming talent we have on the rise – there will be something for everyone."

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Market back at Head Lake Park

The Haliburton farmers market returned to Head Lake Park May 14, with a couple of dozen vendors setting up to sell homemade and locally-grown products, such as fruits and vegetables, garlic, women’s clothing, maple syrup, dog treats, and freshly-brewed coffee. While there were early fears of a washout – meaning the vendors set up in the parking lot, rather than in the park – the weather cooperated, with blue skies and sunshine throughout the day. The Haliburton market is every Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Minden every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Abbey Gardens every Friday from 2-6 p.m.

Top: Sharon Lynch of Stone Garden Pottery had a wide selection of handcrafted pieces available for sale. She has been a vendor at the Haliburton market for 10 years. Middle: Cyndi Leahy of McLean Berry Farm is back for her 12th season. Above: Mark and Sandra Bramham, owners of Esson Creek Maple Products, were pleased to be back in Head Lake Park. Photos by Mike Baker.

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The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) held its annual general meeting at the Haliburton Legion May 12, with members reflecting on a down year. President Neil Vanderstoop said that while an unusually warm winter ran roughshod over HCSA operations, the club still had plenty to celebrate. He noted \$50,000 was spent on trail improvements throughout the season, including to TOP B112 and Trail 9, while \$2,000 was donated to Haliburton Highlands Health Services as part of HCSA's ongoing commitment to support health-related projects in the community. Vanderstoop said he was proud of the work his small but mighty team had accomplished. HCSA wrapped up its 2023/24 season Feb. 27. (Mike Baker).

Al McPherson was described as an “HCSA worker bee” as he collected the club’s 2024 volunteer of the year award, pictured alongside volunteer coordinator Margo Ross and president Neil Vanderstoop. Submitted.

Fish funds

Highlands East mayor Dave Burton and councillors Angela Lewis, Ruth Strong, and Cec Ryall, visited the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) fish hatchery May 1 for a tour of the facility. Burton had met with HHOA president, Dan Smith, during a recent fish stocking on Paudash Lake and wanted to learn more about efforts across the County. The team from Highlands East donated \$5,000 to support various HHOA activities, including its community hatchery program, which has seen volunteers stock County lakes with more than 800,000 fish over the past 30 years. As part of this year’s efforts, through April HHOA stocked approximately 26,000 fish into 12 local lakes. (Mike Baker).

From left, Kent MacDonald (HHOA), Dave Burton, Ruth Strong, Dan Smith, Angela Lewis, Cec Ryall, and Roger Prescott (HHOA) pose for a photo at the hatchery after Highlands East donated \$5,000 to HHOA. Submitted.



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Blossom tour the apple of ATIP's eye

By Mike Baker

ATIP Haliburton's Carmen Galea is predicting it'll be a fruitful year for the County-wide apple blossom tour, which returned this month.

The second-annual event will feature more than 40 locations – including privately-owned orchards, apple trees thriving on municipal land, and businesses that carry apple-based products. It's a big increase from the inaugural event in 2023, when ATIP promoted 15 tour stops.

Galea said trees started to blossom this week, painting the County with hues of delicate pinks and whites.

"We are very much at the whim of the apple trees... last year, they were in full force by May 20 – this year is a little earlier," Galea said.

A map has been published online, with Galea saying printed versions are also available. Tour information can also be found on ATIP Haliburton's new website: appletreeshaliburton.ca.

This will be Galea's first involvement with the tour since joining the ATIP Haliburton team last summer. The recent Toronto Metropolitan University graduate said she was home one evening last June when founder, Luba Cargill, showed up wanting to learn more about apple trees she had spotted on the property.

Within a week, Galea was registered with U-Links Centre for Community-based Research to lead an apple tree identification project within Haliburton County.

Cargill is passionate about the role apples can play in society, and the social and economic benefits that come with cultivating them. Galea said she immediately connected with ATIP Haliburton's mandate.

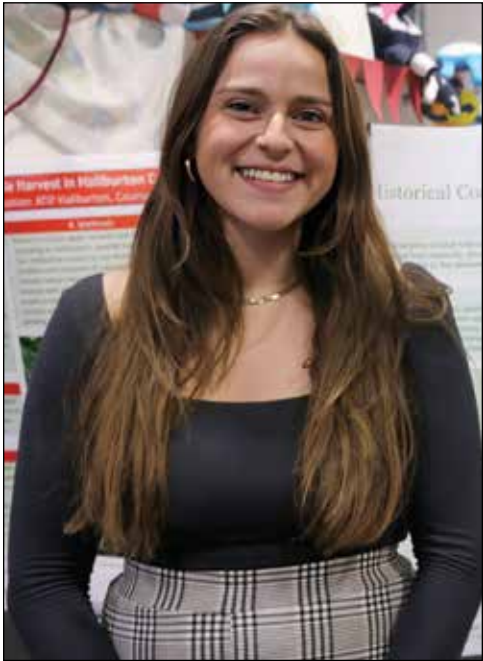
"One of my guiding forces and reasons for getting involved has been to identify resilient and existing food resources in the area. There is a lot of poverty in Haliburton County, 12.9 per cent of our population is classified as low-income. Having an apple tree is one way to help feed your family," Galea, a sixth-generation homesteader, said.

She believes promoting Haliburton County as an apple-growing community could also help with local tourism. She believes the apple blossom tour could grow to be as popular as the County's annual maple fest and arts studio tours.

"There's a lot of history here. People don't know Haliburton County has this rich apple legacy," Galea said. "We were a homestead community. People trying to be resilient in the face of a hard frontier. They recognized the enduring value apple trees had on being self-sufficient."

Steve Hill, former curator at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, proved the existence of native Haliburton apples late in 2023 after unearthing an 1890 edition of *The Canadian Horticulturalist* that described the Highlands fruit as medium in size, pale-yellow in colour, and tart to the taste.

While many of the farmers who cultivated the apples left the County when the Victoria



Carmen Galea says the self-guided Haliburton County apple blossom tour will have more than 40 stops this year. Photo by Mike Baker.

Railway arrived in the late 1800s, the trees remained.

"People really love learning the history about the different locations," Galea said.

She reminded people that several apple tree spots are on private property and can only be viewed from the side of the road. Galea confirmed there are several tour loops covering all corners of the County.

Symposium a 'major event'

An 'All About Apples' symposium coming to the Haliburton Legion May 16 and 17 will have something for everyone, Galea said.

The two-day event will bring some of the continent's top apple identifiers and researchers to the community, while also featuring a selection of local speakers who will provide information on how to grow apple trees on harsh land and properly harvest them.

North Carolina's Tom Brown, a renowned 'apple hunter', will discuss how to recover lost heritage apple tree orchards; author Helen Humphries will discuss her book *The Ghost Orchard*, which focuses on historical apple tree cultivation in North America; while Brian Husband, a professor from the University of Guelph, will share his knowledge on the makeup of the County's apple trees, based on DNA testing he's done in the area.

While there's lots for academics to sink their teeth into, Galea said those with a more practical mind will learn a lot.

"This is a major event for Haliburton County, there's going to be lots of great information shared. This is a chance for people to learn about something completely new," Galea said.

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EVENTS**May 16, 5 p.m.**

Celebrate International Museum Day with a special screening of *'Totem: The Return of the G'psgolox Pole'* at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The documentary chronicles the heartfelt journey of the Haisla people of British Columbia who reclaimed a sacred totem pole years after it had been taken from their community. All are welcome.

May 16, 7 p.m.

Join the Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women at Haliburton School of Art + Design for a community presentation from speakers Amanda Rico and Amanda Lytle, owners of Harmony Yoga, who will share their experiences from a recent trip to India. They will also explain how their organization supports victims of human trafficking. Refreshments will be available. For more information, visit cfuwvh.ca.

May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Voluntary road toll in support of the Minden Community Food Centre. Taking place along Bobcaygeon Road. With demand for services, and food costs on the rise, any donation would be greatly appreciated.

May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are holding a mega book sale at the Minden Hills branch in the book nook and fireplace area. There will be a huge selection of books for all interests and ages. Payment is by donation and all money raised supports library branches throughout Haliburton County.

May 21, noon to 3 p.m.

Fleming CREW Employment Centre will be at the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to help adults with job searches, writing a resume and cover letter, finding training opportunities, and much more. No appointment necessary.

May 23, 5 p.m.

Minden Hills Cultural Centre is launching a new community heritage series, with the first event focusing on the history of regional health services in the community. Presented by Larry Ferguson. Admission is by donation. Taking place at the cultural centre, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd.

May 26, 10 a.m.

Seedling exchange and transplanting technique demo at the Minden community gardens, located at the Minden Fairgrounds. Bring leftover seedlings and swap samples at this free event. There will be a demonstration by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners on transplanting techniques.

May 26, 1 to 3 p.m.

Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands is hosting an LGBTQ+ drop-in at SIRCH Bistro. In partnership with Minden Pride and SIRCH. Join us to share a story and, perhaps, make a friend. Beverage and sweets available, donations appreciated. Register by emailing peterfquinton@gmail.com.

June 3, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dementia Care Conference, Pinestone Resort. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is provided and there is no cost to attend. Local and international presenters who will share innovative approaches to rural dementia care. Register by May 22 on the ATAC Facebook page or email: agingtogetherhc@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by Sharon Kaasalainen, McMaster School of Nursing and Aging Together as Community.

Have a non-profit event you want advertised?
email mike@thehighlander.ca.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129****Haliburton weekly activities**

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Rm.

Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.

Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall.

Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine.

There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519**Coboconk**

Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

May 18: 2 p.m. Elimination draw, Grand prize is \$600. Tickets are \$10. BBQ and live entertainment throughout the day.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624**Wilberforce**

May 16: Open 2 to 6 p.m.

May 17: Open 2 to 9 p.m. Fish and chips 5 to 8 p.m.

May 18: Open 2 p.m. to midnight, house league darts 2 to 6 p.m., meat draw at 3 p.m., karaoke from 8 p.m. to close with Dan Coghlan.

May 19-21: Closed

May 22: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

Upcoming event: Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe Tournament June 8. Registration 10 to 10:30 a.m. Play starts at 11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Music on the deck by Half Tuned, food available for purchase. Prizes for first, second, and third place players.

If you are planning an event, our Ladies Auxiliary would be pleased to cater. Please call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange your event.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden

Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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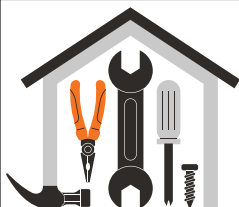
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Yard Sale – 1150 Tom Bolton Road, Saturday May 18th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Various tools & household items.

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- 1 Furrowed-brow expression
 - 6 "The Owl House" character ___ Clawthorne
 - 9 At ___ distance from (far enough away)
 - 14 "The Hub of Nova Scotia" town
 - 15 Authors' book sale payments
 - 17 Kim Mitchell's "___ Lanterns"
 - 18 In a tangle, as rush hour traffic
 - 19 Do slapstick illustrations?
 - 21 Baby booty filler
 - 24 Toothed tool
 - 25 Air leak sound
 - 26 "Seinfeld" rerun network
 - 27 Composer Satie
 - 30 Circle meas.
 - 32 Do stovetop illustrations?
 - 36 Word sung at a New Year's party
 - 37 PC's F1 neighbour
 - 38 Poser's practice
 - 41 Do window dressing illustrations?
 - 46 Cry from a frustrated Frankfurter
 - 47 Sarah McLachlan hit written for her best friend
 - 48 Side dish at a luau
 - 49 Rifles with a 47 model
 - 52 Condo grp.
 - 54 78s, 45s or LPs
 - 56 Do zoological illustrations?
 - 60 "Ahem!!", in words
 - 61 Wine also called Shiraz
 - 65 Teamsters members
 - 66 April Fool's Day foolery
 - 67 Maker of Downy and Dawn: Abbr.
 - 68 Unbiased hirer, in ads
 - 69 Immunity enzyme

- Down**
- 1 NASCAR additive brand
 - 2 Returns recipient, for short
 - 3 Caught off base, maybe
 - 4 Where bangles dangle
 - 5 Quick visual check
 - 6 Once, with while
 - 7 Ergo, to Descartes
 - 8 Indian housemaids
 - 9 Be a welcoming doorman
 - 10 Derive (from)
 - 11 CEO's advisers
 - 12 Some soap opera fodder
 - 13 Awards for top jocks
 - 16 "We" band ___ Fire
 - 20 Charlotte's Jane
 - 21 Chiding sounds
 - 22 Grand Ole ___
 - 23 ___ off (intermittently)
 - 28 Abba's "___ the Music Speak"
 - 29 One-named "Tik Tok" singer
 - 31 "Right back ___!" ("Likewise!")
 - 33 "Juno" actor Michael
 - 34 Ran the show, for short
 - 35 Saturated

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- 39 Sci. for rock lovers
- 40 Yard sale caveat
- 42 "___ Baby" (U2 title with a German word)
- 43 Riddle question after hints
- 44 Woman of note?
- 45 Chews out
- 49 Make sense
- 50 Swedish coin
- 51 "Just ___" (disguised insult)
- 53 Ouzo ingredient
- 55 Justin Timberlake's former band
- 57 Fridge filler
- 58 Having as a hobby
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- 62 Quick way to go?
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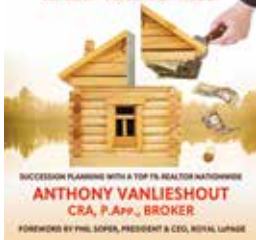
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Downtown sculptures revealed

The 2024 Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition opened May 8. It continues until Oct. 24. Pictured is Thoreau Bakker, of Toronto, with VR Lion, at the intersection of Highland and York streets. See more photos on pages 2 and 3. To learn more about the artists and their work, go to haliburtonsculptureforest.ca. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Sculptures on display in Haliburton



Above: Carolanne MacLean, of Toronto, with Annie, cast in bronze, at Capturing Eden. Carolanne said Annie is "tranquil and thoughtful. With her hair pulled back, this young woman depicts the ease of beautiful youth." Right: Nyasha Mabika, of Zimbabwe, created The Happy Hippo in spring stone. Mabika selects the stone for his sculptures from the mine himself, which is his first source for inspiration. He is moved by wildlife, and that is what he most often sees in the stone that he uses. Jim Blake is pictured with The Happy Hippo at Hudson Henderson Insurance Brokers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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Above: Breanna Shanahan, of Hamilton, with Red Woman, at the Corner Gallery. The media is fort on cement with therapeutic bands. Shanahan said, "this sculpture challenges objectified female bodies through the lens of sport and athleticism. Athletic therapeutic bands are used to make up gestural muscles in this piece." Right: Rosalinde Baumgartner, of Belwood, created Oracle, featured at the Bank of Montreal. She describes it as a figure contemplating the future. "So much is coming our way, so many trying to help, will we make the right decisions? Searching for wisdom." *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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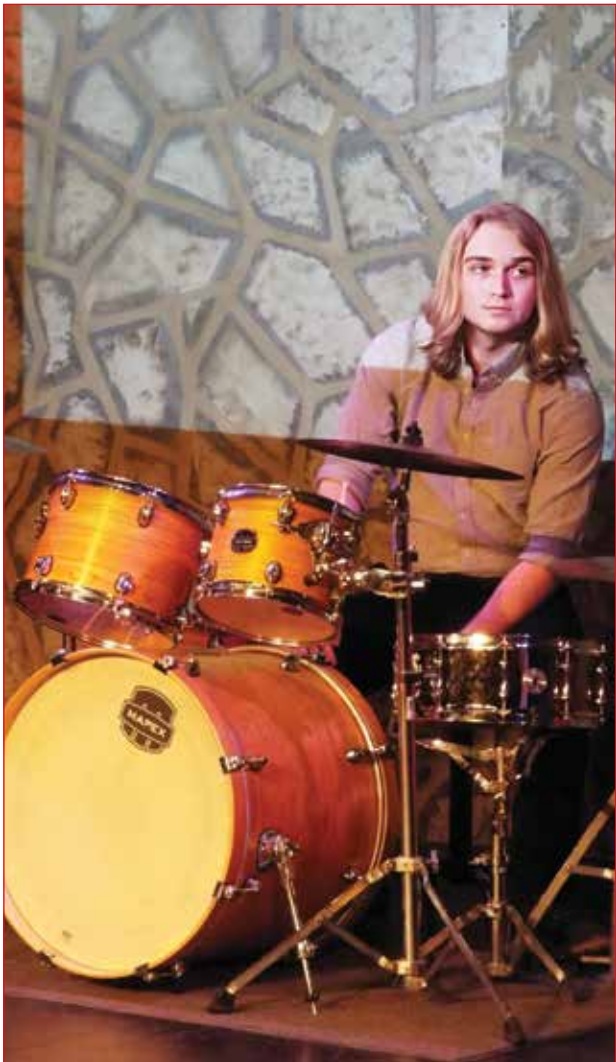
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TALENT






Hal High does have talent

The annual talent show at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School May 8 had a great lineup this year, and a full house to perform for. The show, in combination with an open house, is a parent council event and Christine Carr was the staff representative this year. “We begin planning it early in the school year, with plans ramping up once second semester begins,” Carr said. As the staff representative, Carr worked with the students and other staff to arrange the acts. It is not a competition, just an evening to enjoy all the talented students at the high school. “The evening is designed to showcase the amazing amount of talent at Hal High, and we encourage students from all different areas to participate,” Carr said. There was everything from singing and dancing to videography and media arts this year.

Above left: The Skyline Dance Academy performed *Invisible Battles*, the first of three dance sequences. Above middle: Austin Boyle on bass guitar. Right: Alex Warford of Easy Company Band on drums. Photos by Kimberly Strong-Knight.

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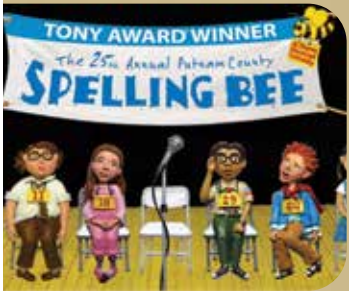
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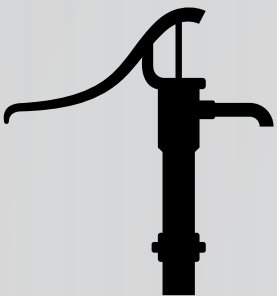
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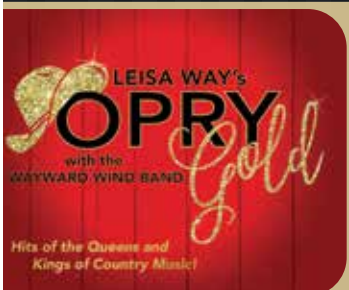
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Above: From top, King Uther (Olivia Humphries), Prince Arthur (Lillian Ramsdale), and Nell (Sadie Evans-Fockler) snooping on stage. *Photo by Mike Baker.*



Highlands Festival Singers create laughter

The Highlands Festival Singers, with founding director Melissa Stephens, presented their spring concert at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden May 5 and 7. "It is a good turn out. I am pleased," Stephens said. Founded in 1991 by Stephens, a complement of 39 singers created a production full of comical songs and amusing anecdotes, aptly titled, 'Just for Laughs.' Several songs were humorous variations of ones the audience knew. The choir presents two concerts per year, in the Spring and the Christmas season. They aim to cultivate public appreciation for vocal music and strive for this in their performances as well as their community involvement. One of the ways they do this is by awarding an annual scholarship to a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate in pursuit of a higher education in the arts, particularly music.

A full complement of 39 voices filling the church with incredible harmonies.
Photo by Kimberly Strong-Knight.



Jokes and one-liners abound

The Loop Troupe Little Theatre had a full house for its performance May 11 and 12. The audience at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce was in stitches as jokes, one-liners, short comedy sketches, and hilarity was all part of *Skit-Oodles*. The performance had a nod to the original joke wall from television's *Laugh-In*. Some sketches included humorous commentary at the local level. Jan Dahms, who directed the second part of the extravaganza, said they had a full house for opening night, and the jokes were very well received. She also said it was the first time for most doing that type of sketch comedy. "We couldn't have asked for a better show," she said. "We all left on a bit of a high." It wasn't just the audience that was laughing, various cast members were also having a good laugh themselves.

Above left: Aiden Smith and Deborah Waterhouse exchange quips on the joke wall. Above right: Phillip Lawr, Linda Ladd and Shawn Collins were part of a sketch loosely based on the movie *Castaway*. Photos by Kimberly Strong-Knight.



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